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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of : Padalino, Ronald et al.  
Serial No. : 09/387,381  
Filed : September 2, 1999  
For : **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED  
DEBITING AND SETTLING OF FINANCIAL  
TRANSACTIONS**  
  
Art Unit : 3624  
Examiner : Wasylchak, S.

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

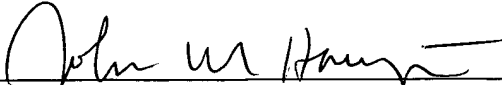
Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to file a Notice of Appeal in the above-identified patent application. A final Office Action was mailed on December 4, 2002. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including April 4, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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